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LOUISIANA CATTLE INVENTORY

All cattle and calves on Louisiana farms as of January 1, 2000 were estimated at 910,000 head, up 1 percent from a year ago, said Dave Frank, State Statistician for the Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service in Baton Rouge. **All cows that have calved** were estimated at 565,000, up 3 percent from a year ago. Louisiana's 1999 **calf crop** was estimated at 440,000 head, up 2 percent from 1998.

Beef cows were estimated at 504,000 head, up 4 percent from January 1, 1999, while **milk cows** at 61,000 head, were down 5 percent from a year ago. Other cattle inventory estimates and their change from a year ago were as follows: **beef cow replacement heifers** - 81,000 head, down 5 percent; **milk cow replacement heifers** - 12,000 head, down 20 percent; **other heifers** - 17,000 head, down 6 percent; **steers 500 pounds and over** - 22,000 head, down 12 percent; **bulls 500 pounds and over** - 33,000 head, up 3 percent; and **calves under 500 pounds** - 180,000 head, up 3 percent.

The **number of farm operations with cattle** during 1999 were estimated at 15,500, unchanged from 1998. Included in this total were 700 milk cow operations and 13,100 beef cow operations.

CATTLE INVENTORY - JANUARY 1

ITEM	LOUISIANA		UNITED STATES	
	-----Thousand		-----Thousand	
All Cattle and Calves	900	910	99,115	98,048
Beef Cows	486	504	33,745	33,546
Milk Cows	64	61	9,133	9,188
Beef Cow Replacements, Heifers	85	81	5,535	5,530
Milk Cow Replacements, Heifers	15	12	4,069	3,954
Other Heifers	18	17	10,170	10,045
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	25	22	16,891	16,652
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	32	33	2,281	2,294
Calves, Under 500 Pounds	175	180	17,290	16,840
Calves Born - Previous Year	430	440	38,812	38,710
Cattle on Feed	1/	---	13,219	13,983

1/ Less than a thousand head, combined with other States.

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